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**PATENT APPLICATION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Wataru YAMADA et al.

Group Art Unit: 1756

Application No.: 10/648,273

Examiner: J. GOODROW

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Docket No.: 116948

For: ELECTROPHOTOGRAPHIC PHOTORECEPTOR, PROCESS CARTRIDGE AND  
IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS

**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the April 4, 2005 Office Action, reconsideration of the rejections is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks. Claims 1-13 are pending in this application.

The Office Action rejects claims 5 and 6 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

In particular, the Office Action alleges that the term "hydrolytic group" is a relative term (Office Action, page 2, lines 7-8). However, the term "hydrolytic group" is not a relative term, but a term that indicates a group that has a specific function, as described in the specification at, for example, page 11, line 21 - page 12, line 6. Accordingly, the term, "hydrolytic group" is not a relative term and would not be considered indefinite by one of ordinary skill in the art. As such, withdrawal of the rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, is respectfully requested.